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Rob Cleverdale's Adventure.

By Edward W. Hopkins.

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CHAPTER IV.

"But the great 'Black Cat'!" exclaimed the captain, who spoke better than any one else on board. "It's only a boy!"

"But I'm grateful to you for saving my life, even if I am," said Rob, between his chattering teeth.

"Oh, ho! Of course! But what under the sun are you doing in the river?"

"Him swim berry well," said one of the men, who had gone in the boat. "Him swim like fish! Him make good one!"

"Come with me," said Captain Torrey. He turned, and led the way toward the companion hatchway, whither Rob followed him.

"It'll be so dark on deck that Rob could not see what kind of men he had saved by. He was therefore surprised when he entered a small but comfortable and well-lighted cabin to find the captain to be a small, swarthy, evil-faced fellow, who looked as if he would sooner kill a man than save one.

"The young senior in very 'et," said the captain, with a grin that was meant to be friendly. "I will give him a change of clothing, and he may tell me how he came to be in the river. Of course, I understand he fell from that steamer that just passed."

"I fell—was thrown," said Rob.

The captain seemed to pay little attention to this. He eyed Rob narrowly, with an evident desire to measure his stature. Then he opened a trunk or sea-chest that stood in one corner of the cabin.

"Ah! Ho! Ho!" exclaimed the captain, each explosive coming louder than the preceding, as he attacked the store of garments that was packed away in the sea-chest. Finding what he was after at last, he sent one piece after another flying across the cabin toward Rob.

"There!" he said, with a grunt of satisfaction. "The young senior can find plenty to wear. Come! You are wet. We must hurry!"

Rob at once began to take off his wet garments, and the captain brought out a rough towel with which he gave the dripping boy a good rub down. Having brought a glow of warmth, he desisted, and Rob dressed himself in the dry garments.

Rob had never been so picturesquely clad before. Nor so richly. First, he put on a suit of the finest underwear that he had ever worn. Then, over that, he put a pair of white trousers, all embroidered with red silk. Then a silk waistcoat, and over all a fine velvet jacket made with lace. Spanish shoes, with fine points, completed the outfit, and were put on over silk stockings, the like of which Rob had never seen before.

The gay clothes transformed Rob into quite a different boy, and he could not restrain a laugh as he looked at himself in a glass.

"And now the young senior will need something to warm him up," said the hospitable captain. He called over a name that Rob did not understand, and in a moment a black fellow appeared. He soon returned, however, with two glasses of hot mixed rum.

"The young senior will drink it," said the captain.

"No, sir," said Rob. "I thank you, captain, but I never touched a drop of that stuff, and I never will."

"No! I don't want it. I am warm enough," said Rob.

Rob thought of his mother, and the many promises he had made to her that he would never touch a drop of alcoholic drink.

The captain of the "Black Cat" looked in amazement at Rob.

"You won't drink, senior?"

"No."

"Then I will!"

He took one glass from the black steward and drained it. He then took the other and sent its contents after the first.

The black boy then took Rob's clothes to dry them.

"Now, tell me how you got into the river and what you are doing here," said the captain, beginning to feel even more friendly.

"I don't believe I can tell you how I came to fall into the river," said Rob. "I am on my way to Buenos Ayres to my uncle's, and met on board the steamer a gentleman by the name of Starné. He and I were on the deck talking and he told me to look down in the water. I did so, and then I felt some one seize me and throw me in. But I can't understand why Mr. Starné should wish to kill me."

"No! No! Did you ever meet him before?"

"Never."

"Was any one else near you?"

"I saw no one else."

"Ha! Ho! Look out for Senior Starné, whoever he is. Now, who are you?"

"My name is Rob Cleverdale. I was on my way to make my home with my uncle, David Horton, of Buenos Ayres. Have you heard of him?"

The captain of the "Black Cat" gave a long whistle of surprise.

"You are the nephew of Senior Horton?"

"Yes."

"The black head is in it."

Having uttered this mysterious sentence, the captain of the "Black Cat" walked to and fro a moment and seemed to be doing some hard thinking.

"Look here," he said, suddenly. "I didn't know what I was doing when I picked you up. Even now, I ought to throw you in again. But I won't do that. But you must promise one thing."

"Promise one thing!" echoed Rob, staring at the captain in surprise and terror. "What do you mean? Why ought you to throw me in again? What have I ever done to you that should make you wish to kill me?"

"Nothing to me, except fall in the way of my schooner," said the captain. "But I know this Senior Starné. He is well, there are others who know him and who know me. It was known that I picked you out of the water and saved your life—pr-r-r!"

The captain drew his hand across his throat most significantly.

"But what have I done! Why should any one kill you for helping me? Tell me!"

The captain banged his fist on the table.

"Look here!" he said, now in an angry mood. "I tell you, that I have taken a risk in saving you. Ask me questions. But I tell you this. From today you are no longer Senior Horton's nephew. Do you understand?"

"But I am," said Rob. "I am on my way to get to him."

The captain of the "Black Cat" exploded with an oath.

"Hang you!" he cried. "I will kill you myself if you do not obey. You are no longer his nephew. You are mine."

"Yours! Your nephew! What do you mean?"

"Listen! You are stupid, I think. But listen, and I will tell you what I mean. I mean that where we are going the name of Senior Horton is death to him who utters it—unless to curse it. If you let it be known that I saved it. If you let it be known that I saved it."



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ing goods from the vessel to the shore. And that is just what these men were doing.

Rob had paid some attention to political matters, and while studying in school about various South American republics, and also taking in the contest between the first Napoleon and the difference in their governments. He had read the tariffs of all, and recalled the fact that there was a large duty on tobacco and rum in the Argentine Republic. There was an odor of tobacco in the air, and Rob was not long in reaching the conclusion that these men were engaged in the dangerous business of smuggling tobacco and rum into the country without paying this duty.

(To be continued.)

THE LEGION OF HONOR.

How a Brave Young Woman Won the Ribbon.

Among the honors that can be won by citizens of France is the right to wear a tiny bow of red ribbon in the lapel, which the Legion of Honor was founded by the first Napoleon as the reward of distinguished services to France in civil and military life. The Order of the Red Ribbon, which carries with it the right to a pension in cases of poverty and old age, is not for men alone. The first woman who wore it was Virginia Quiquero, who served as a nurse under Marshal Junot in Portugal. Many others have been likewise honored, but only one woman has ever worn both the ribbon of the Legion and the military medal of the same order. Juliette Drouin is still alive. When the Franco-German war broke out in 1870 she was employed as a telegraph operator at an office in a frontier town. An invading army corps, speedily took possession of the place, and as the German staff wished to see the Crown Prince Frederick immediately information of the advance, a dispatch was given to Juliette to transmit. She was scarcely twenty years old at the time, but she was shrewd and intelligent. She had heard the story of the telegraph, she transmitted other words and secretly destroyed the dispatch. The poor girl's stratagem was soon discovered, for no answering message came from the Prince. She was arrested and sentenced to be shot. But the next day, before the drums beat for the execution, the Prince himself arrived. He heard the story, he struck with admiration, ordered Juliette's instant release, and with chivalrous courtesy complimented her upon her courage. An incident so honorable to both sides in the midst of a fierce and bloody war deserves long to be remembered.

Whims of Race Horses.

From the Washington Star: "Talking about people being peculiar," remarked an old trainer out at the Benning race track the other day, "if there is anything more peculiar than race horses I haven't come across it. Race horses, I mean thoroughbreds, of course, are as full of whims as well, as a woman, and you've got to humor them just the same as women. I remember one I trained some years ago—a horse, I mean, of course. He was a great one, and few of them could show him the way in. Yet that fellow couldn't be exercised in preparing him for a race unless the boy on him was rigged out in the stable's regular colors. You couldn't fool him about it, either, for he knew just as well whether the boy was fully dressed as we did, and if he wasn't you couldn't get the old fellow on the track. But when the boy put on the duds, why, the old horse would go out and do all that was wanted of him."

"Then there was another that I had that wouldn't associate with other horses, and the consequence was that we had to train him by himself. Actually had to wait every time until every other horse was off the track. When the whole lot was back to himself, we had all we could do to get him off when we thought he had been given enough. This same one he had to send to the post by himself, and when we got him there we had to keep him away to one side, off from the bunch. Another one I had was just the opposite. He wouldn't go on the track, either for exercise or for a race, unless he was accompanied by another horse."

"Then there is the horse that runs true as long as he is in the lead, but will stop and give up the fight the moment another gets near him. On the other hand, there is the horse that tries all the harder as long as he is behind. Then there is the horse that will not try if the jockey has a whip, while there are others that will not try unless they are given both whip and spurs. But, as I said, they are very peculiar, and have as many whims as mankind."

Relatives in Business.

Nothing is more natural than that father and sons, brothers and cousins, should supplement their family ties, without doubt, a large proportion of partnerships will always be formed by members of the same family. While there are many advantages in this natural custom, it is a question whether its disadvantages are not at least equal to its benefits. The frequent quarrels in common beside the tie of kindred, which is not of their making or choosing. Their kinship itself often endows them with like dispositions, and if each of two partners has inherited an aggressive temperament, it will be a bad thing for the partnership. Moreover, business quarrels become family quarrels, and family quarrels business quarrels, which is a bad thing either way. Partnerships formed on the basis of mutual liking and compatibility of the special fitness of the different members of the firm are far more likely to be agreeable, lasting and profitable. Failures and dissolutions because of dissensions between related partners are far too common. It is well known that relatives should engage in business together, but their partnership should be based on common sense and business principles, and they should be friends as well as kinsmen.—Clothing and Haberdashery Weekly.

Improve Business.

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A Restaurant for Birds—How Uncle Otto Fed the Cold-Weather Birds—Mice as Food in China—The Seven Sleepers.

The Seven Sleepers.

Curly-headed Baby Tom Slept in his cozy blankets warm, In his crib.

Bob-o-Lincoln—oh, so wise! Goes to sleep "neath sunny skies, 'Mid the leaves.

Mr. Bruin, night and day, Snoozes all his time away.

In his cave, Squirrel-Red with nuts—a store! In hollow tree-trunk loves to snore.

In the wood.

Mrs. Woodchuck "neath some knoll, Drowns in her bed—a hole!

Deep in earth.

Flower-bell nestled together, Dose all through the wintry weather.

'Neath the snow.

In the chrysalis hard by, Dreams the cometime butterfly, In corner hid.

Oh, what beds! So very queer! Yet to each one just as dear!

As you to your bed, To your bed—

Adelbert F. Caldwell.

A Restaurant for Birds.

"Intend driving out to see Uncle Otto to-day," said Mr. Marcy, at the breakfast table. "Who would like to take a sleigh-ride with me?" and he looked straight at Kitty's eyes. "Oh, I would like to, papa!" said Kitty, quickly. "May I?"

"If mamma thinks best," Mr. Marcy answered, and as mamma was willing, Kitty was soon putting on warm wraps and preparing for her five-mile drive. Uncle Otto lived upon the state experimental farm, and he took the birds and insects, and then told the farmers about them, and how to get rid of those that destroyed the crops; and a visit to him was always full of interest to Kitty. Indeed, she thought there never could be another uncle quite so nice as Uncle Otto. Kitty lived in Minnesota, where they sometimes have a great deal of snow in the winter, and this year there had been an unusual amount. The sleighing was fine, and the country seemed so clean and pretty that Kitty could not help exclaiming as they sped along, for in the city the roads were dirty and heavy. It was being made as snow ought to be. The drifts were piled high on either side of the somewhat narrow road, and when they met a team, papa had to turn out very carefully in order to avoid upsetting the sleigh. But Kitty thought that the same as women, helped lean over when necessary to keep the sleigh balanced. "I wonder what Uncle Otto will have to show me this time," said Kitty, as they caught the first sight of the large buildings which told her that they were nearly at the end of the ride. "He always has something different from what anybody else would have," she added. "And I learn something every time I come out here."

"I wonder, too," answered papa. And then he drove up to the house and Uncle Otto himself came out to help Kitty to unwrap the big fur which tucked her in so comfortably, and pretty soon they were all sitting beside the fire and talking as if it had been a year instead of two months since they had seen each other. Immediately after lunch Uncle Otto turned to Kitty and said, "I am going out now to see to my birds' restaurant. You would like to go with me?" As they started, Uncle Otto took with him a large covered basket, and he went toward the great grove of oak trees which extended for miles back of the house. Presently he stopped beneath a tree of a brand of wood which was hanging a loosely coiled wire. Then he opened his basket and took out something white and round like a ball. "What is that, Uncle Otto?" asked Kitty. "That is mutton suet," he answered. Then he coiled the wire, and he went on the brand and bound it securely with the wire. "Now," he added, turning to Kitty, "one table is spread for dinner." "Oh," said Kitty, suddenly, "you do it for the birds?"

"Yes, indeed," Uncle Otto returned. "You see, when it is cold and the birds who do not have suet through the long winter, and when the snow gets very deep they have a hard time to find enough to eat; besides, when it is very cold indeed, as it has been lately, they need some kind of food which will produce heat in the little bodies, and the mutton suet does just that. So when I began to think how deep the snow was and how long it had been cold, I thought I had better open a restaurant for the birds, or some of them might die, and this is the way I do it." Kitty looked interested, so Uncle Otto went on, "I fasten the suet in place with wire, because if I tied it on with string the birds would peck at the string and probably be eaten by the dog or cat. I tie it high on the tree so that the birds who do not have suet have it." Uncle Otto had been tying many places of suet in place while he talked, and now that the last one was in place they turned back to the house. "What a chatter!" exclaimed Kitty, stopping suddenly and looking back. "Yes," said Uncle Otto, "the birds are very talkative at dinner, and sometimes I am sorry to say, they do not display the best of manners or disposition; but I always try to think it is the fault of their training and so do not blame them so much. At any rate, I would not have even the suet if it were not for the birds who are so hungry."

"But how do they know so soon that their dinner is ready?" Kitty asked. "I have come to believe," answered Uncle Otto, "that some of them watch for me, and when they see me they notify the others that dinner is ready by calling. For only a few days after I began putting out the suet for them, I noticed the noise, and that they all gathered very quickly after I went away. So I have come to the conclusion that they look for me, and know that I am manager of their restaurant." Kitty laughed heartily. "What a talkative bird!" she said. And then after a moment she added, "I believe I'll start a restaurant on a small scale at home. I like to see the birds around, and it would be such fun to watch them. But, do you know?" she added, "I never thought before that few days after I began putting out the suet for them, I noticed the noise, and that they all gathered very quickly after I went away. 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